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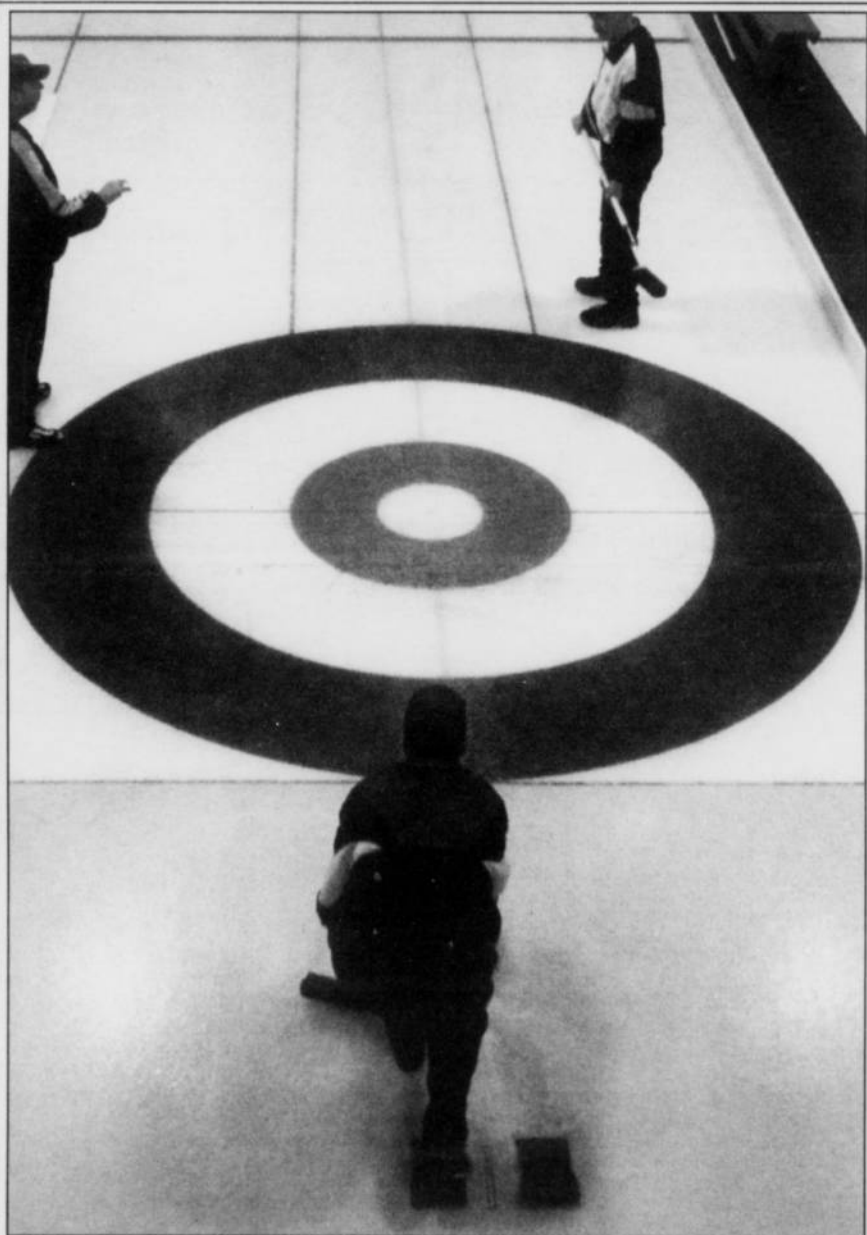
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Out of the hacks

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CHINOOK'S EDGE

Funding put on hold to upgrade Didsbury schools

by Carla Victor

Reports of a provincial funding freeze or lack of dollars in the Alberta Infrastructure Ministry - whatever the case may be - could affect modernization plans for Ross Ford Elementary and Didsbury High schools as well as urgently needed funding for modernization at River Valley school in Sundre.

This freeze is sending a chill through the school board, and Superintendent, Jim Gibbons will be bringing forward their concerns at a meeting with Alberta Infrastructure Jan. 24.

Although Didsbury's schools have already received funding for modernization, both projects are about \$1 million short of funds necessary to complete the work.

The funds approved for Didsbury's two schools were determined by a 1999 School Facilities Evaluation commissioned by the province.

An evaluation was conducted on all schools in the province to help prioritize a list of schools most in need of modernization.

Ross Ford Elementary school was approved for \$2,058,800 worth of funding. Didsbury High, \$3,124,000.

Ninety per cent of those funds were advanced to the school division, but once an architect was called in it was soon determined both projects were short funding.

"Once you get the architect in to relook at things (three years after the first provincial evaluation of the building) you

notice things were missed in the first audit and costs for doing the construction have also gone up," said Gibbons.

"Air quality tests results could send Sundre's River Valley school to the top of the provincial list for funding, but if there's no money being at the top won't help," said Gibbons.

Schools were scored during the facilities evaluation in 1999. The higher the score the higher the school was on the list.

River Valley's score was 890, putting it near the top of Chinook's Edge list of schools needing modernization; it is followed closely by Olds Jr./Sr. High school with a score of 840.

Didsbury High and Ross Ford scored 1140 and 970 respectively.

River Valley's score is rated in the top 10 schools in the province most in need for funding.

Air quality tests are beginning at River Valley this week after numerous complaints from parents of students about the poor air quality in the building.

"Sometimes a school can jump the queue if there are problems, like if they found asbestos," said Gibbons. "But if Sundre moves to the top and there is no more money, being at the top won't matter."

As for the fate of Didsbury's schools, it is a game of wait and see.

"We have sent in our drawings and our costs to Alberta Infrastructure and we are waiting to hear," said Gibbons.



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DOG TAGS

Dog registration program will remain free in January

Participation most important says CAO

by Richard Westlund

Dog owners will not be charged for dog tags if they pick them up in January. And those who have paid for the service this year will be refunded their money.

The Town of Didsbury had been collecting \$7.50 when owners registered their spayed or neutered pets this year and \$15 for unaltered dogs, but Town Council had not given direction to do so.

For the past three years tags had been given out for free during the month of January to increase participation levels in the dog registration program.

Last year an estimated 400 tags were given away in January. As of Friday Jan. 10, the town had sold just over 60 tags.

Planning and Development Officer Robert Wigg said some administration members thought the by-law had been changed already to implement fees on the service. The new fees were outlined in the Town's publication *The Town Crier*.

Town CAO Evan Parliament said that having people register their dogs was more important than covering the costs of sending unidentified dogs to Red Deer.

"It's more important to license these dogs. The month of January is supposed to be free and people take advantage of that," said Parliament.

"From administration's side we would rather see dogs

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- Evan Parliament

licensed."

Councillor Harry Penner initially said he had no problem charging a fee throughout the entire year, but later voted with the rest of the Councillors to defeat a by-law amendment that would see a fee in January.

Councillor Gary Dolha was concerned that with a fee, stating fewer people would participate in the system.

COMPARISON

Municipal utility charges are slightly higher in Didsbury

by Richard Westlund

Didsbury residents are paying slightly more for their utilities than most surrounding municipalities, according to document released to Council members last week.

Bills for water, sewer and garbage collection are typically higher in Didsbury for families of four and single seniors according to a Municipal Utility Billing Comparison compiled on Jan. 10.

The document was used by Councillors as they discussed how they could change the way water was being billed to residents.

According to the comparison, a family of four, which used approximately 6,000 gallons of water per month would

pay \$66.25 per month for its three services. Olds is the only municipality where that amount is higher at \$68.17 a month.

Ten municipalities were included in the comparison. The lowest figure for a family of four was in Three Hills where the bill would be \$42.67 per month.

Eight of the 10 municipalities that were polled were above the \$60 mark, making Didsbury comparable to most centres.

Utility prices for single seniors are also typically higher in Didsbury. Based on 1,500 gallons of water being used by a senior in a month utility costs are \$44.25. Only Bowden is higher at \$44.75. The other municipality where

costs are higher than \$40 per month is Trochu at \$40.13 per month. The lowest cost for a senior is in Three Hills at \$24.14 per month.

Didsbury's sewer charges are a main reason for overall utility costs. CAO Evan Parliament said municipalities that are servicing debt on sewer projects are typically charging higher rates. Didsbury owes about \$1 million on its lagoon.

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Division will get legal opinion on old school building

by Richard Westlund

Chinook's Edge School Division will seek legal advice before sending the issue of giving the Didsbury and District Historical Society the building they house their museum in and will send the issue to the Facilities and Maintenance Committee.

The Didsbury Museum is housed in an old school house

located just east of the current Didsbury High School. The building is owned by Chinook's Edge and sits on its land.

At the Dec. 18, 2002 Facilities and Maintenance Committee meeting, a recommendation came forward to extend the lease, despite a plea from the Historical Society to sell the building outright for a nominal cost.

Roy Brassard, who gave up his seat as Chairman for the agenda item, said the building is "an artifact in a town which does not have a lot of artifacts" adding that he was against the motion of simply extending the lease and that a serious look needed to be made about handing the building over.

He wondered if the building could be sold with certain

conditions that would satisfy questions about the building's future - that it would be maintained.

"I think we should sell the building for a dollar with conditions. I think we need to give them this opportunity. They have already put so much time and money into this. We don't want to be faced with the decision of one day tearing it down. I think there

would be a huge outcry. I don't think we want to have to maintain it either." Trustee Ron Fisher wondered if it was even possible to have certain restrictions in place if a building was sold outright.

Trustee Penny Archibald said there was no rush to make a decision and said she would like to seek legal advice before making a decision on the direction of the building.



Back and forth

Didsbury Mayor Dorothy Moore presents Didsbury Curling Association president Vance Van Dam with a cheque for \$2,500. The curling club then gives the money back to the Town where it used to maintain the facility, as part of the Curling Club Rental Agreement. "It gives our membership assurance that there is some money being put aside," said Van Dam.

Colby is new Carstairs mayor

by Tanya Cripps

On Tuesday, January 14 Carstairs elected a new mayor with the largest turnout ever at the polls. Lance Colby, Carstairs new mayor received 527 votes, 205 votes ahead of the closest candidate.

"It is a big responsibility and I will definitely make sure I will carry through with what I promised," said Colby.

A record number of residents came out to vote for the new mayor which CAO Elizabeth Smart attributes to the candidates themselves.

"We had very good candidates running," said Smart.

"I think it is an indication that they did a good job and ran good campaigns."

While only 689 voters, 46 per cent of those eligible, turned out in the 2001 municipal election, 877 came out to decide who would be Carstairs' new mayor.

"The turnout was fabulous," said Colby.

GREEN SPACES

Pesticide test program will be pitched to Council

Emotional debate ends with two-year testing idea

by Richard Westlund

Town of Didsbury's Operational Services will recommend a test project to Town Council on reducing pesticides rather than approving a draft policy that was brought forward by the Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board (DEAB).

After an emotional debate a motion was passed in a 2-1 vote to recommend to Town Council to embark on a two-year test program on three different parcels of land.

DEAB and Deb Whitmore, Town of Didsbury Horticulturist and resource liaison for DEAB, was hoping that a draft policy that would allow Town land to be cared for

without pesticides unless a certain "threshold" was breached. They argued by not using pesticides, parks would become healthier in the long run, would be safer for users and have less environmental impact.

Councillor Clem Kuelker, who pitched the test-idea instead of implementing the policy said removing pesticides from general use would create an aesthetic problem which would lead to complaints by taxpayers.

"We have heard that weeds can be controlled in Town using other methods, but we have not seen that," said Kuelker who cited the town Shop area as an example. "Operational Services should embark on a program that would clearly demonstrate the advantages of controlling weeds without the use of chemicals."

"I just don't understand what is preventing our staff from utilizing natural meth-

ods."

Kuelker added a program that would eliminate pesticide use in Didsbury was premature.

Operational Services Foreman Mike Phillips said the reason new methods had not been implemented in controlling weeds was because budget restraints hadn't allowed for proper equipment or time.

He said Whitmore had made requests in the past for money but they were cut in tight years.

Whitmore added the draft policy did not eliminate the use of chemicals and the pesticides could still be used when deemed necessary. She said it was unnecessary to blanket spray every time someone made a complaint.

Councillor Judy Kaupp said she thought it was ridiculous that aesthetics were being argued above the health of those that would use the parks. She added that the

Town has a long history of spraying but every year the same problem exists.

"We have been spraying forever, but we still have dandelions. Why don't we try something else?" asked Kaupp.

Kaupp also criticized the two-year test plan saying that two years wouldn't be fair and could not make up for decades of mismanagement.

"I think we should agree the policy is a good first step. We aren't banning spraying and we are not telling residents they can't spray. I think this policy deserves a chance to stand. I won't be spraying my yard any more and I don't want to see our parks being sprayed any more."

Jason Whitfield a member of DEAB said that even if a park was being sprayed because of 100,000 dandelions - "we would be doing a disservice to our children."

Councillor Harry Penner, who chaired the meeting, said scientific research is always

"Operational Services should embark on a program that would clearly demonstrate the advantages of controlling weeds without the use of chemicals."

- Clem Kuelker, Councillor

being done and didn't seem to think pesticide use was as harmful as it was being made out to be.

"The pesticide industry is probably the most controlled and investigated industry out there," he said.

The test project would still have to be approved by Town Council.

OPINIONS EDITORIAL

Rural voices



RICHARD WESTLUND
EDITORIAL

I have often talked about the advantages of small town life in my editorials.

In the middle of writing them I often realize I have been down that road before making the same points about why it is great to grow up in a place like Didsbury.

There are so many advantages.

But one place we see a shortfall lately is in our ability to have our voices heard when it comes to fixing up our schools.

The issue of modernizing Didsbury High School and Ross Ford Elementary has been at the fore front of the agenda of the Chinook's Edge School Division for a long time. And everytime the project looks like it is going to take a step forward, something happens to stall it.

The projects, which received millions in funding last year, have been put on hold by the Alberta government.

The schools, which are among the most-needed to be done according to a provincial audit done in the past, will have to continue to wait before a direction can be taken.

Sometimes our voices aren't as loud as those who live in the city.

Voices tend to be louder there and rural areas sometimes are left to fight over scraps that are left over. Recently a Statistics Canada study revealed a significant reading gap between urban and rural students.

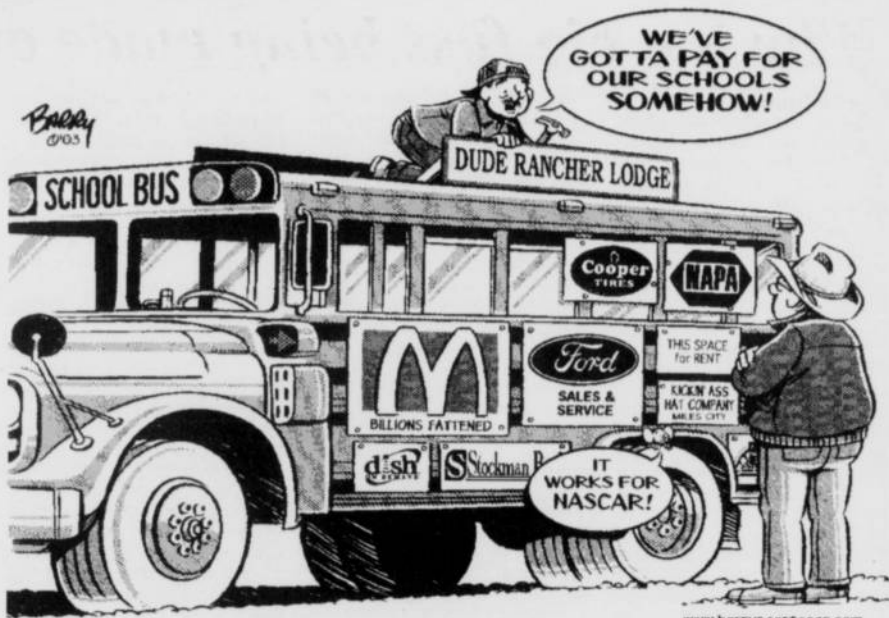
The Chinook's Edge board will send a letter stating that funding needs to be increased in rural areas to make up for the difference, but that message will be drowned out by calls from urban centres citing reasons such as more English as a second language students.

Large media outlets will carry the stories about the city schools needing funding.

Rural students will likely wait.

Sooner or later the local schools in Didsbury will have to be upgraded.

The more the clock ticks however, the higher the cost of fixing the schools.

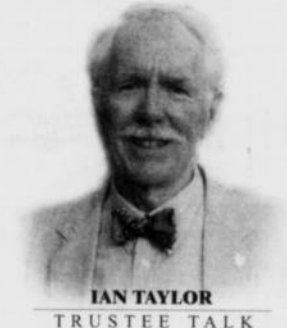


A House of Brick or Straw?

Our January Board meeting occurred as the furor over school building in the Province reached a crescendo. Even Premier Klein has waded into the debate via a radio phone in show to contradict the statements of his Infrastructure Minister, Ty Lund, that there is no more money for school construction and everything is on freeze. We received the same letter from the Minister that was sent out to all Boards in the Province and was met with alarm and outrage, particularly in Calgary and Edmonton, and particularly since it came so soon after the Government had announced spending over a \$100 million on lottery terminals. Other high ranking Tories, like the Minister of Finance, Pat Nelson, have tried to quell the agitation by pointing out that there could well be money available in the new budget that comes out in the Spring - we just have to be patient.

Coincidentally there was another building item on our agenda and that was the disposition of the old brick school in Didsbury. I have to admit to a long standing love affair with this fine edifice and would judge it to be the historic architectural jewel of this County and well beyond the boundary of Mountain View.

There is a black and white photograph taken in 1907 as the building, clad in scaffolding, is nearing completion. In front of it stand the proud townspeople and school board members dressed in their Sunday best. They had reason to be



IAN TAYLOR
TRUSTEE TALK

proud. Any examination of the structure today shows they went the quality route with this building. Not only does it still stand solid and sturdy after nearly a century but you can see embellishments that would have added considerable cost - things like the imposing bell tower, the ornamental brickwork on the corners, the sandstone masonry, and the decorative woodwork under the wide eaves. Those of you who know the building - and some of you went to school there since it was in operation until 1986 - will be impressed by the high ceilings in the classrooms and the amount of natural light admitted by the rows of tall windows.

I mention this old school because it provides a sharp contrast to today's debate over school building. In 1907 this Province was two years old. The future was full of promise; nobody could have imagined the horrors that would soon

occur in the slaughter of World War 1 then be repeated in 1939 - 45. The building is a silent witness to the optimism and pride of that little community and the priority those pioneers gave to education. While many settlers were arriving to live in shacks or sod huts they built a palace as a school for their children.

Now, family dwellings become more luxurious while public school buildings fall into decline. Not only are new schools put on hold but badly needed renovations and modernizations like those at Ross Ford and Didsbury High schools are delayed even longer for want of money. All this happens amid comments from the Premier and Tory MLA Jon Lord (chair of a special committee on school building) that we should be looking for cheaper ways to build, including private partnerships.

The way the current thinking is going I wouldn't be surprised to see our children attending school in something like a golf dome.

What has happened to the idealism that was so evident in 1907? I believe the main difference is that many now see education as a financial liability - dollars down the tube - rather than as an investment in the future, an investment that belongs to everybody.

The opinions expressed here are my own, not necessarily those of the Board. If you wish to contact me about this or other school matters call 335-8575, fax 335-8576, or e-mail, nanatee@telusplanet.net

Wonderings of the heart

"Aging"

by Margaret Fradley

Recently I became a year older, and suddenly realized I would have to be more alert to some of the symptoms of aging. It creeps up on us all, and has a subtle way of making known further symptoms.

Just the other day, I was getting ready to go out; had my bath, and dressed; a short time later I was about to reach into the pocket of my slacks, to put a kleenex in, when I thought "oh these slacks don't have pockets" but as I pondered this one, I knew that these particular slacks did have pockets, yet I just couldn't seem to find the slot.

It was then I realized that I had put on my slacks backwards; I was so thankful that I had discovered this horrible secret before others would notice and begin to wonder just what that extra year had done to me.

After the episode had passed, I found it very amusing, but at the same time sensed there was a warning here to be heeded. Take care, watch out for subtle symptoms that wish to invade our lives when we become older. There is one thing that was most comforting to me, and that was that I was still able to detect what was happening before I was exposed. Life is full of interesting happenings. Have a good day all you dear older folk.



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NEWS

SCHOOL BOARD

Trustees concerned about urban-rural reading gap

*Letter will be sent
to Alberta's
Learning Minister*

by Richard Westlund

Chinook's Edge trustees will send a letter to Alberta Minister of Learning Lyle Oberg, in reacting to a Statistics Canada report which found rural students are significantly behind urban students

when it comes to reading.

The rural-urban reading gap, which was most prominent in the provinces of Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Alberta, was attributed to urban students living with adults who, for the most part, had a higher level of education in general.

Trustee Doug Campbell said Calgary schools have been lobbying for more dollars because of the unique situation they are in. He said perhaps a letter to the minis-

ter was necessary to point out this study.

"In the press you hear that urban schools need more funding because they deal with urban centre needs. Perhaps we need to point out to the minister that perhaps rural centres need the money." CESD Chair Roy Brassard said Chinook's Edge is the largest rural division in the province.

He said the argument has always been that urban schools need more money because they

deal with English-as-a-Second Language students. He agreed with the idea of writing a letter. The board would like to see the province put more funding into

rural schools so they can better address the issue of literacy - which the division believes is the foundation for all other academic skills.

ASPEN RIDGE LODGE

Town includes lodge entrance in street improvement grant list

by Richard Westlund

Didsbury Town Council took steps to widen the road at the hospital/lodge turn-off and to help build an entrance way to the lodge at last week's regular meeting.

Following up on a Municipal Planning Commission recommendation to seriously give consideration for the work to be given a part of the provincial Street Improvement Program grant, Council added the project to its wish list.

Planning and Development Officer Robert Wigg said that private companies are responsible for creating their own entrance way. Because the lodge is non-profit the Town is able to help them by adding the project to their list.

Wigg also said there would be more traffic at the entrance way once the lodge was completed.

Councillor Gary Dolha said the project is worthy of the grant dollars because the hospital entrance "is where the town starts".

Under the SIP program the province pays for 75 per cent of a project while the Town

contributes the other 25. It is expected the price tag on the road widening and entrance way will be approximately \$25,000.

There are seven other projects on the list totalling \$285,750. The available funds for Didsbury through the grant is only \$226,920.

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The Didsbury Museum is open
every Saturday afternoon
and is located at 2120-21 Ave.



Red Carpet Winner

Joyce Schumaker receives \$100 in gift certificates from Didsbury Review graphic artist Dale McRae as part of the Red Carpet Tuesday promotion. The coupons are good at participating Didsbury businesses.

Health concerns rise at Sundre's River Valley school

by Carla Victor

Health concerns, strong fecal odors in the west wing, fear of mould contamination and extreme shifts in temperatures are topping the lists of concerns for more than 70 parents, teachers and staff members met in a closed meeting. Assistant superintendent Heather Henderson-Hill attended both meetings.

Teachers and parents met separately with the two experts, - teachers, school administration and staff members met in a closed meeting. Assistant superintendent Heather Henderson-Hill attended both meetings.

Parents came armed with information from a school facilities evaluation project analysis of the school from 1999, commissioned by the province, which recommended air quality testing and testing for mould should be done, but never was. The report was discovered on the internet by a parent of a student who attends River Valley. This report was brought to the attention of Sundre Trustee, Ron Fisher, at a school council meeting in November, 2002.

Carma Rose, president of the school council and parent of a student of the school, said Fisher promised to gather information about the report and why no air quality test had yet been done, and get back to council. She said when someone leaked the information to the media things got rolling a lot quicker than what was expected.

"At first Ron was going to gather information then the press got involved and this issue sped along to us having an air quality expert testing at the school the very next month," said Rose.

She is satisfied by the school division's efforts to answer parental concerns.

"Whether they find something or not, at least concerns will be put to rest and we will know the facts," said Rose, after the meeting.

Rose's child was in class last spring, when the temperature spiked so high in the west-wing room that the teacher moved the class out to the hallway to finish that day's lesson.

"The kids were almost passing out from the heat in that classroom," said Rose.

Debbie Foster another parent who attended the meeting is looking forward to hearing the results of the tests which will begin this week. She said it has been a long-time coming.

"I notice a lot of red eyes and a lot of sick people at this school. This building is full of sick people and maybe these tests will answer why," said Foster.

Barr said teachers complained of respiratory problems and the high number of people suffering from asthma and allergies - he said a health professional would have to address those concerns.

Jones said he and Barr have compiled a list of the parent/teacher concerns and they will systematically go through each item by speaking to the people issuing the complaint.

"We will make sure every concern has been answered," said Jones, adding it's hard to determine whether complaints have to do with temperature and humidity control or if there is a contaminant in the air. He said the strong fecal odor has been determined to be a maintenance issue and will be handled by Barr.

Alberta Infrastructure will be conducting all the tests and will consult Jones on every investigation to ensure they are meeting his recommendations.

"Credibility is an issue," said Barr. "These issues can often become issues of credibility so that is being addressed by having some sort of third party neutrality. In this case that person is Glynn."

Jones has consulted with Alberta Infrastructure to confirm their approach will answer all questions and concerns.

"If Infrastructure (Alberta Infrastructure) isn't able to do what we think is appropriate to answer the questions we have then we will go back to the school board and arrange to do those tests ourselves," said Jones. Costs of tests done by Alberta Infrastructure will be covered by the province.

General air quality tests to be conducted at the school will be:

- Ventilation sufficiency and how much air is being brought in to occupied spaces. This test will assess levels of carbon dioxide in the air.

- Comfort control, to assess temperature and relative humidity.

- Specific contaminants in the air that could be a concern for health or comfort.

"The range of contaminants we will look for will include testing for particulate matter, asbestos (as requested by parents and teachers because there is a small amount of asbestos in solid form in the school), carbon monoxide (brought in from outside, by an outdated ventilation system) and the total amount of organic material in the air (organic material such as commonly used Liquid Paper, gasses coming off construction materials and cleaners).

Jones said there will also be specific tests done for specific concerns.

In one room and one wing (the west wing) there is concern about a very cool draft that will be investigated from an engineering and building system point of view. Another concern about a black stain or marking coming out from behind lockers will be addressed with a tape-lift sample to test for mould growth.

"These tests are more comprehensive than what was asked for in the provincial 1999 study," said Jones. "The study we are proposing, more than answers what was suggested in that 1999 infrastructure study."

Results or the progress of the testing will be reported back to parents and school staff in about six to eight weeks.

IN THE COURTS

Drunk driver jailed after pleading guilty in Didsbury court

A man convicted of drunk driving twice in the past three months has been jailed.

Martin Lemieux, 36, pleaded guilty in Didsbury provincial court on Jan. 13 to charges of driving with a blood alcohol level greater than 80 mg per cent and disqualified driving.

The accused was stopped while driving on Hwy 2 on April 12 after concerned citizens phoned police to report an erratic driver, court heard.

Prior to being pulled over the accused was driving at 160 km per hour on the 110 km per hour roadway.

A breathalyzer test taken after the arrest indicated the accused blood alcohol level was 200 mg per cent.

Lemieux was convicted of drunk driving three months earlier and fined.

Acting on a second offender notice, the Crown sought jail time for the accused.

Judge C. Skene agreed, sentencing the man to 14 days in jail on the 80 mg charge, and handing him a \$1,000 on the disqualified driving charge.

She also prohibited him from driving one year.

Careless driver fined

A man charged with impaired driving after motorists noticed him driving erratically has pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of careless driving.

Roderick Peter Boychuk pleaded guilty to the charge in Didsbury provincial court.

The accused admitted swerving several times and making a wide turn into oncoming traffic during the August 30 incident.

The accused had been drinking prior to being stopped, but denied being impaired.

Judge Skene fined the man \$1,000, the maximum allowed under the Highway Traffic Act. She also imposed a \$150 victim fine surcharge.

The Crown withdrew charges of impaired operation and driving with a blood alcohol level greater than 80 mg per cent.

Man evaded police

A Sundre man who ran from police after being cornered in a neighbour's attic has been jailed.

Jadi Daniel James Bird pleaded guilty to charges of escape lawful custody, failure to comply with conditions and property mischief by damage.

Bird was arrested on Jan. 5 in Sundre after his father called police to inform officers that the accused was in violation of a court order not to drink liquor.

When officers arrived at the residence the accused ran off. Sometime later the father called police again to report the accused was hiding in a neighbour's house.

The officers went to the house and when they confronted the accused, he again ran off.

A police dog was brought to the scene and the accused was tracked to a nearby garage where he was arrested.

Following the arrest the accused kicked out a window on a police car he was being held in, and cut his own head by smashing it against the protective divider in the vehicle. He required five stitches and other treatment.

"I'm very sorry for giving the police a hard time," the accused told Judge Skene.

The judge sentenced the accused to 30 days in jail.

Man stole from father's company

A 29-year-old man who stole cheques from his father's company and subsequently cashed them for \$3,295 has been ordered to pay restitution.

Morgan Stephen Winter pleaded guilty to seven charges of forgery.

The accused took the cheques sometime in 2001 and made them out to cash.

Judge Skene handed Winter a two year suspended sentence, and ordered him to pay full restitution. She also ordered Winter to complete 150 hours of community service.

Slow driver convicted of drunk driving

A 71-year-old man stopped by police after officers noticed him driving 30 km per hour in a 50 km per hour zone in Olds last fall has been convicted of drunk driving.

William Thomas Sim pleaded guilty to charges of driving with a blood alcohol level greater than 80 mg per cent.

The accused was stopped at about 9 p.m. on September 11 after being observed weaving in the roadway. His blood alcohol level was 120 mg per cent.

Judge Skene fined Sim \$600 and handed him a one year driving prohibition.



At The Kitchen Table

by
Noreen Olson

"I want you to walk an hour a day," my Doctor told me. "It will help to control your Diabetes, help you lose weight and improve your circulation." I nodded agreeably and tried to look suitably amenable but mentally I was rolling my eyes. An hour a day? Where was I going to get an extra hour a day? My Doctor, who is evidently a mind reader, continued, "do your walk first, then fit in the other things, you don't want to end up in a wheelchair."

I love going for a walk when the weather is nice and the road is dry, if it's not too cold or too hot, or too windy, or too icy, or raining. I love it when the birds are returning and the creek is running, when wildflowers are beginning to bloom and there are new leaves on the trees. These perfect conditions prevail for about seven weeks out of the year which leaves forty five less than perfect weeks when I can use weather and road conditions as an excuse to not go for a walk. If weather and road conditions are borderline I can always say that I feel arthritic or I don't have time. But if I am honest about it I have to admit that I am never so stiff that I can't walk and I waste more than an hour a day talking on the phone, reading, doing crossword puzzles, staring at a computer screen or peering hopefully into the frig hoping that something will suggest itself for an easily prepared gourmet meal.

I began the day after my Doctors appointment. I walked down our long lane and then out onto the road. The cat had come with me and when I began to walk on the public road she sat at our gate and made plaintive and distressed sounds. I came home of course. Suppose a car hit her, I would never forgive myself. I walked the next day without the cat and did pretty well but then I skipped a day because I had company and then it got cold and then it was hunting season and then it was icy.

One evening I needed some WI information and I called my friend Darlene. "She's on the Treadmill," her husband said, "I'll take the phone to her." Darlene took the phone cheerfully and I could hear the treadmill humming and the measured tread of her jogged feet. "I love my treadmill," she said, "something had to be done and now I don't worry about weather and roads, I just do my walk and I feel good about it."

That week there was an ad in the paper for a treadmill. It seemed like fate, we bought it, brought it home and installed it in the basement.

My beloved husband, whose level of resolution and commitment borders on the obsessive, does a mile in nineteen minutes and forty seconds. He does this every day and regularly shaves another second or two. When I began to falter and think of excuses he made me an offer that no reasonable woman could refuse. I am to use the treadmill while he empties the dishwasher and makes breakfast and again while he cleans up after supper.

Do I love my treadmill? No, but maybe I will grow more fond of it as I continue to use it. They say that through enlightenment tyranny and oppression vanish so maybe when I begin to see some results I will become more fond of the machine. Then there is the Stockholm syndrome where prisoners become sympathetic toward their captors so I guess there is hope that I will eventually learn to appreciate the Treadmill. The cat doesn't cry when I am on it, it's not cold, hot, windy or icy but it is extremely boring. As soon as the birds start to come back and the creek starts to run I plan to abandon ship.

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by Noreen Olson

AROUND THE CIRCLE

Scouts will hold bottle drive at the end of the month

by Marge St. Clair

Thurs. Jan. 23

The Chamber of Commerce meeting will open at 7:00 p.m. in Eldon Foote Hall (train Station). Many items of business on the agenda including the election of officers. More info from Joelle at 335-3265.

Sat. Jan. 25

The 1st Didsbury Scouting is having a bottle drive beginning at 9:30 a.m. All receipts will aid in the funding for scouting facilities, programs and events. Contact Linda 335-4846 for more info. Please put your bottles on the front doorstep or lawn.

Sat. Jan. 25

This is Colts hockey night against Rimbey at 8:00 p.m. at the Didsbury Arena.

Sun. Jan. 26

Plan to visit the BMX Track from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. and watch the riders. If you plan to ride, you must sign a waiver.

The Adult School Patrol program got underway when school started after the Christmas Break on Jan. 6th. If you can help, please phone Carla Ridley at 335-4328.

Didsbury O.O.R.P. Ladies have had a very successful year and made a huge donation to the Mountain View Food Bank and to S.T.A.R.S.

Tues. Jan. 28

Dr. Nugent, foot specialist will be at the 5-0 Centre from 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. No appointment necessary.

Tues. Jan. 28

Didsbury and District Light Horse Assoc. will hold an in-

formation meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Didsbury High School Gym. Dr. Lauren Hall from Krebs Veterinary Services will speak on the West Nile Virus.

Fri. Jan. 31

Family Fun night at the Didsbury Complex will welcome families in the MP Room from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Join in the games, do some skating, then have food and drinks and there is door prizes!

The Didsbury Ladies Bonspiel is being held Jan. 30 - Oct. 2. Get your entries in to Shirley at 335-3836 (evenings) or to the Curling Rink 335-3661.

Watch for the announcement of "Brown Bag Theatre" at the Didsbury Library starting in February.

Friends and Fun: Didsbury & District Seniors Support Services

We started the New Year off with a fun sing-a-long with Lydia Derksen so very kindly providing the music. A big thank you!

We tried our hand at paper-making with varied fun results. Using rhubarb, onion skins & fibres of baler twine the textures were always a surprise!

Fun time!

For our 23rd meeting remember to bring a medium bowl & a favourite piece of material large enough to cover.

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Prairie Partner 4-H update

by Kagen Laut

All is well in the Prairie Partner Clan. The last month has been busy. On December 15 we had our 4H Christmas Party and to celebrate we enjoyed a fun filled afternoon of Lazer tag. I don't know but something about shooting opponents with finely crafted "Lazer ray" emitting guns brings out the "G.I. Joe" in everyone.

On another note there have been meetings and horse ridings.

We have submitted our titles of our speeches and will have a Public Speaking Clinic January 26 where we will dust off our old speaking skills we happily put away last year. On February 23 we will share our speeches with family, friends and maybe even judges too.

Other outings are planned like a trip to Rodeo Royal and another riding for January 25.

Life is busy, but the spring is fast approaching and all of the steer, heifer and horse shows that drive our parents most crazy.

See you next month.

THEATRE DIDSBURY The new "Comedy" is ready

by Marge St. Clair

Theatre Didsbury has been very busy getting their new comedy "I Take This Man" ready to entertain all. The cast is made up of Tracie Skeet-Brook, Sue Erickson, Tony Sylvestre, Rick Phillips and Derek Lewis. Curt Engel is the director.

The schedule is as follows:

Feb 8 - Memorial Hall - Cochrane

Feb. 14 - Didsbury MP Room at the Municipal Complex for the Didsbury Figure Skating Club. This is a dinner theatre, tickets available from Lisa O'Dell 335-9493 or Shannon Baker 335-4823. Cocktails at 6:30, dinner at 7:00 p.m. Play starts at 8:00 p.m.

Feb. 15 - Westcott Community Hall. Tickets from Colleen Wagner 335-8950.

Feb. 22 - Beiseker Lions Club. Al Hanuset 947-2694 (H); 947-3993 (W)

Mar. 8 - Gull Lake. Delores Bell (403) 748-4782

April 4 & 5 - Keoma Lions Club. Roger Beattie 935-4521.

There could be a Dinner Theatre or Pub Night or both in Didsbury towards the end of April, will keep you updated.

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"I've asked for three difficult thoroughbred horses from the racetrack at Calgary Stampede Park, where we'll be offering the seminar," said Irwin. "I wanted the challenge of the difficult horses to show the audience how to deal with a wide variety of common problems, taken to the extreme. This way they can relate the techniques I'll be demonstrating to experiences with their own horses. The goal is to show people how to become a leader for their horse, to bring out the true performance potential of each individual horse."

The first day of the January 25 and 26 weekend

seminar involves interpreting the array of dynamics that cause and affect herd behaviour, followed by a session on the role of specific physical contact in the relationship between horse and rider. Day two begins by building upon the bond established with the horses and adding exercises to enrich participants' riding skills. In his thought-provoking closing, Irwin translates horse sense and herd dynamics into an innovative look into the behaviour of human beings. Irwin detailed this philosophy in his best-selling book, *Horses Don't Lie*. "As we learn to relate to the prey consciousness of horses, we also gain profound insights into our own inner struggle to find balance between our instincts, desires, needs and ideals," said Irwin.

Chris Irwin has attained international acclaim for his methods that earn a horse's respect and trust, instead of traditional methods that aim to break the animal through force and intimidation.

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support to all not for profit organizations within the community. We will act as a liaison for all not for profit organizations and ensure that your ideas, concerns and input are communicated to the Town. We will provide access to funding to all not for profit groups to further enable them to provide superior services to the citizens of this area. We

are currently seeking individuals of the community to become members of this association! If you would like more information about this dynamic organization please call one of the following Board Members:

Yvonne Werkmann - Chairperson - 335-9410. Val Facey - Community Liaison - 335-1996.



Tyler and Landon Facey, in celebration of our becoming an incorporated society made a sign. It read - "Yahoo! Get Up and Go is now an incorporated society. The first big step after many small ones."

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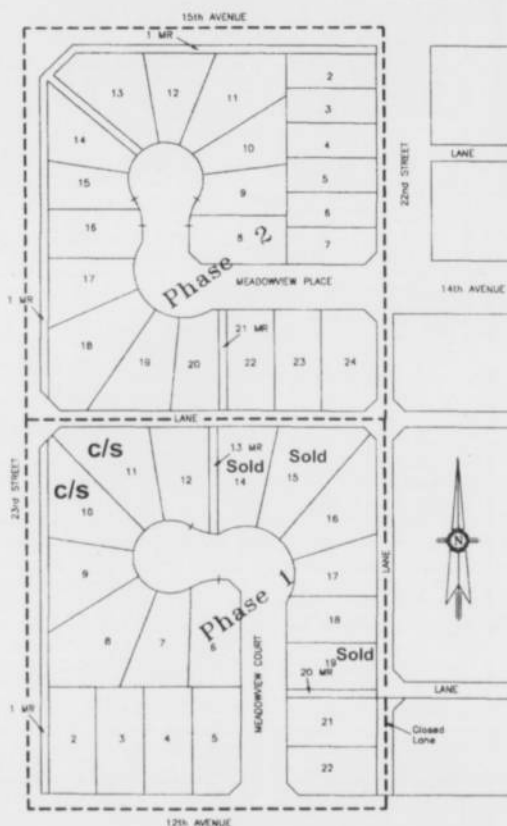
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Didsbury's Winter Festival planned for Family Day weekend

Winter Festival! It's time again to be thinking of winter fun. With that winter fun comes Winter Festival! Hopefully we'll have snow this year for Winter Festival...but, if the flakes don't fall, don't fret...there will still be a lot of fun to be had!

The Community Services Department has planning well underway for Winter Festival

2003. Winter Festival will run on Family Day weekend - February 15, 16, 17. Keep your calendars clear, as there will be plenty to do during the Family Day weekend in Didsbury!

We are currently finalizing details on events such as children's entertainment, family games and activities, scavenger hunts, sports demonstra-

tions, bonfires, hockey games, food, prizes, ice activities, fun, fun and more fun. This event is a good opportunity to spend time participating in some good old-fashioned fun with your family and your friends.

Watch next week's edition of the Didsbury Review for further details of Winter Festival 2003. See you there!

Focus on the Family



QUESTION: More and more, I keep hearing about children and teens being involved in shootings, stabbings and the like. What has caused many members of the younger generation to be so violent?

DR. DOBSON: Hundreds of millions of dollars have been invested in research to answer that question. The findings are startling. In addition to the violence children have seen on television and in the movies, and apart from the drug wars they have witnessed, the tendency toward violence is a function of the neglect and abuse so many have experienced. That is especially true of those raised in the inner city. What has been learned is that millions of children, many of them born to drug- and alcohol-dependent parents, have been subjected to unimaginable deprivation. They were left in cribs for days with dirty diapers burning their buttocks and legs. Some were hit repeatedly, or they were scalded or starved. Many were sexually exploited from their earliest days — some even in infancy. If they survived, they grew up on the streets with no adult guidance and care. At night, they slept in bathtubs to avoid bullets sprayed from drive-by shootings. If this description sounds exaggerated, talk to social workers or police officers who work every day in the slums of large cities. What does it do to a child to experience intense pain, fear and deprivation at a very early age? The answers are beginning to come in.

What has been learned is that kids who go through these traumas in the first year or two of life produce high levels of stress hormones — notably cortisol and adrenaline. Those substances put the body on an "alarm reaction state" in order to cope with the crisis at hand. But in a small child, the brain is a vacuum cleaner for stress-related hormones. The human neurological apparatus is bombarded with chemicals that shouldn't be there in a child that age.

The result is impairment of the boy's or girl's thinking apparatus and emotional development. What I'm saying is that many of today's abused kids can kill and destroy without pangs of conscience because they are literally brain damaged. They don't feel what you and I feel. They can't empathize with helpless victims the way they should, because the emotion of compassion flows from cognitive functions that no longer operate. I am not excusing their violent behavior, of course. The bottom line is this: We are paying a terrible price for the disintegration of the family and for the victimization of children. Any society that doesn't protect the most vulnerable in its midst can expect to suffer at the hands of those abused individuals when they get old enough to strike back.

QUESTION: Our junior high boy is the most disorganized kid I've ever seen. His life is a jumble of forgotten assignments and missed deadlines. What can I do to help him?

DR. DOBSON: Educational consultant Cheri Fuller considers massive disorganization to be the most common cause for school failure, above both laziness and poor study skills. Show me a student's notebook, Fuller says, and I'll tell you whether that individual is a B student or a D student. An achieving student's notebook is arranged neatly with dividers and folders for handouts and assignments. A failing student's notebook is usually a jumbled mess and may not even be used at all. Some children are naturally sloppy, but most of them can learn to be better organized in the elementary school years. Once they enter junior high, students may have as many as five teachers, each assigning different textbooks, workbooks, handouts and requirements from various classroom subjects. It is foolish to assume that kids who have never had any organizational training will be able to keep such detail straight and accessible. If we want them to function in this system, we need to give them the tools that are critical to success. You might consider having your child evaluated to see if he has attention deficit disorder or some temperamental characteristic that makes it difficult for him to organize. When you've determined what he is capable of doing, work with an educational consultant or a school psychologist to design a system that will teach him how to live a more structured life.

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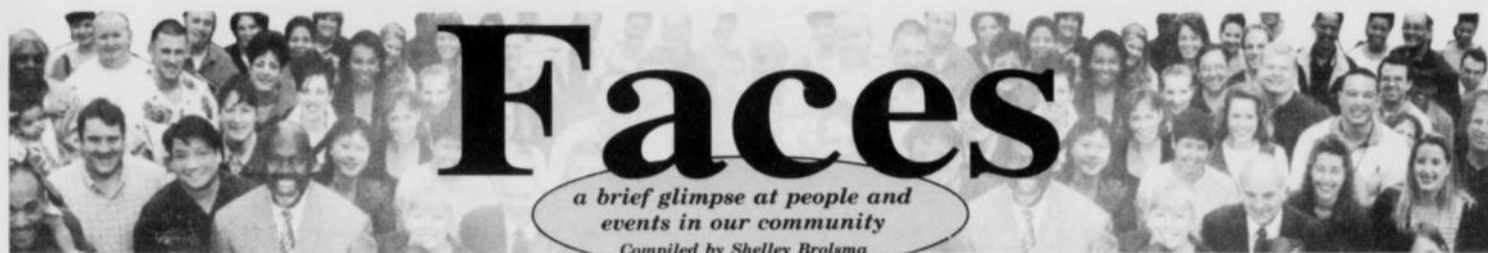
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Community policing group is looking for volunteers

Members of the Didsbury RCMP and citizens across town are hoping for a good turnout this Wednesday, January 22nd at the RCMP detachment.

That's when the recently re-formed Citizens on Patrol group will be meeting for the first time this year. "We are hoping to get enough of a turnout to form a steering committee," says Constable Goyetche of the recently re-formed crime watch group.

One of the original members of the community crime watch group when it was first formed nine years ago was Dan Peters. Peters says it was difficult to continue the group without volunteer support. To that end, he is hopeful new members will

rejuvenate what he refers to as a vital service to our community. "They all did their best," Peters says of past members. "...but the group just ran out of steam. Today, however, with Citizens of Patrol we have a group that has the privilege of having more RCMP involvement and a chance at one day amalgamating with similar groups in other communities...all we need are bodies."

Peters says support from the Town of Didsbury, business owners, community groups and citizens in the form of volunteers or donations is required to achieve the goals of the program. "This is basically people driving around town during the night observing anything suspicious or out of the ordinary and report-

ing it to the RCMP," Peters explains. "Just the fact that there is somebody out there is a deterrent. It decreases the likelihood of there being criminal activity."

A local businessman and Realtor himself, Peters sees groups like Citizens on Patrol as providing an essential service to an ever-expanding community. "We have to realize that our detachment serves a large area already (Didsbury, Carstairs, Cremona and Water Valley) and with the growth we are seeing around town, that area is becoming more and more challenging to patrol," he says adding, "...I think that we still live in an area that's safer than many, many areas. This is just one way to make Dids-



Cst. Chris Goyetche and Dan Peters are ready to sign up Citizens on Patrol.

bury an even better place to live."

Anyone who would like to join Citizens on Patrol or who

has questions about the program is encouraged to call Dan Peters at 335-3377 or Cst. Goyetche at 335-3382.

Didsbury Ag. Society contributes to 4-H Conference



Wes Thomas, of the Didsbury Ag Society, gives Pat Pringle, Chairman of the 4-H Leadership Conference, a \$1,500 donation.

Christmas may be over, but the Didsbury Agricultural Society is still celebrating the spirit of giving this month to the tune of \$1500.00 cheque for that amount was recently presented to the Chairman of the Alberta 4-H Leadership Conference, Pat Pringle.

"The money is going to sponsor the keynote speaker at this year's conference," says Didsbury Ag Society Representative, Wes Thomas adding it is all part of the Alberta

Agricultural Act for Leadership Training.

Pringle, who accepted the donation, estimates that 350 - 400 leaders will have attended the conference this past weekend in Red Deer. "They come from all across the province," she says, "The money the Ag Society is giving us will be used towards our Keynote Speaker on Sunday - Dan Gascon."

Mr. Gascon, Pringle explained, was to speak on "Humour for your Health", a mes-

sage about stress relief and looking at the lighter side of life.

Thomas says in addition to contributing towards the speaker, the Ag Society will also be sending two local 4-H Leaders to the event. "This is over and above our donation," he adds. "We hope to continue to sponsor 4-H leaders in the future. The Ag Society is proud to be able to help further all the good things they do every year in our community."

Mexican Bonspiel heats up the Didsbury Curling rink



Shirley Madge

You don't have to cash in any of your frequent flyer points to add a little heat to your winter this year.

All it takes is \$100.00, three of your closest (curling-inclined) friends, and an penchant for fun. It's all part of the Mexican Winter Ladies Bonspiel taking place January 30th - February 2nd.

Event organizer Shirley Madge, says the idea to have a Mexican theme to this year's Ladies Bonspiel was intention-

ally tropical. "We wanted to have some fun with it and use something that would encourage people to kick back and have a good time...add a little heat to their winter."

As per tradition, this year's Bonspiel will once again feature prize options (like a \$20.00 Calcutta) and a Saturday evening Banquet where everyone attending is asked to dress in attire suitable for travel south of the border. "That includes virtu-

ally anything you would wear in Mexico...sombros, ponchos, sandals, etc. There will be entertainment available Saturday night too so it should make for a really fun time."

Madge, who has been involved with Ladies Curling in Didsbury for many years, says prizes for the cash bonspiel are based on three events and dependent on the number of registrations collected. "We have about 18

rinkers signed up so far and that number is bound to grow. We are open to registrations until January 24th," says Madge. "The nice part is you don't necessarily have to register as a group...if you are interested in curling and don't have a team yet to sign up with, we will fit you into one of the other teams. Everyone is welcome."

Anyone interested in signing up for the Bonspiel is encouraged to call 335-3836.

Lone Pine Hall will host a wide variety of activities in 2003

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drive east of town.

Lone Pine Ag Society President, Kathy McCulloch, says the list of activities taking place at the Hall is constantly growing. "We like to keep things pretty busy around here," she says.

January is an ideal time for anyone interested in putting a little fun back into their week-days while learning a new skill. "Each Monday evening we hold a Social Dance Class at the Hall starting at 7:00 pm

and a Belly Dancing Class on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 pm."

All that practice will come in handy by the time the Family Dance rolls around on February 15th. Tickets are just \$5.00 per family and includes a light supper and dancing from 6:30 pm - 10:00 pm.

The dancing will continue at the Hall the month following with the popular St. Patrick's Day Dance being held on the Saturday, March

15th. "We will have the band 'Prairie Ceilidh' coming down for that one," says McCulloch. "...they are very, very good at performing that traditional Irish music. It should be a great time."

In April, patrons of the Hall can look forward to the musical talents of "Suzy Q". "This should be a fun dance...We've actually had them out before over a year ago."

Music and festivities aside,

the Lone Pine Ag Society also has plans to hold educational activities at the Hall. "We are looking into bringing in two ladies from Stony Plain to run a unique farm safety course," McCulloch explains.

"It's run off of the same concept as a Jeopardy game. It should be very educational."

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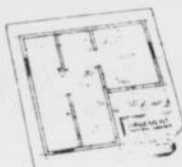
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GRIZZLYS

Grizz wins move them towards playoffs

by Barry Williams

Every victory from now until the end of the current AJHL season is important for the Olds Grizzlys. With the Grizzlys battling for a top finish in the Rogers AT&T Wireless South division standings, they skated to two hard earned wins over the Camrose Kodiaks and the Canmore Eagles in AJHL action last week.

On Tuesday Jan. 14, the Grizzlys needed over time to defeat the Camrose Kodiaks 5-4 at the Max McLean Arena in Camrose. Meanwhile, on Friday Jan. 17, before a large crowd at the Olds Sportsplex, the Grizzlys played a solid game in defeating the Canmore Eagles 5-3. In the second game of the home-and-home series on Saturday, Jan. 18 in Canmore against the Eagles, the Grizzlys were downed 7-3. In Camrose, T.J. Pettersson dented the twine at 3:10 in the first over time session to give the Grizzlys the win.

In an exciting game featuring strong goaltending from Nathan Lawson and Mike Brodeur, the league's top netminder, the Grizzlys needed a late period goal by Chris Beston to even the game at 4-4. Beston's goal came after Jordan Chormack had given the Kodiaks a one goal lead with a short handed marker. Other goals for the Grizzlys came off the sticks of Tyler Hilbert, Mark Smyth and James Kerr. Justin Perry and Ryan Musspratt were the other marksmen for the Kodiaks. Lawson, solid during the over time session, blocked 29 shots with Brodeur making 32 saves.

On Friday evening in Olds, the Grizzlys received another stand-out effort from Lawson between the pipes and two power play goals from Chris Beston to preserve the victory. Lawson, the game's third star, made 42 saves.

Several times Lawson stoned the Canmore sharpshooters with brilliant saves. Eagles' goalie, Jordan Alford, blocked 28 shots.

Chris Beston blinked the red light twice for the Grizzlys with singletons being added by Rob Tourville, Tyler Hilbert and Tyler Grover.

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photo by Richard Westlund

Senior Bonspiel winners

Al Graham, Garrett Funkhouser, Gerry Laviolette, Elaine Graham and Carole Funkhouser captured the "A" event final last Friday. The team did so in dramatic fashion stealing the winning point in the final end.

AJHL is heading in the right direction

by Barry Williams

With a new franchise, competitive teams and increased hockey scholarships, the Alberta Junior Hockey League is heading in the right direction.

Bob Clark, of Carstairs, Chair of the AJHL Board of Governors, believes the present Governors, General Managers, and Head Coaches have worked hard in presenting an entertaining product for hockey fans.

"A number of changes have been made in the last few years but I believe these changes are for the betterment of the league," said Clark.

These changes include a modification of the sudden death over time, modifications to the game to make it more pleasing to the fans, re-alignment for league play-offs and the awarding of a new franchise, the Drumheller Dragons.

With the addition of the Dragons, set to start play in the 2003/2004 season will give the league 16 teams and a balanced schedule between the North and South divisions.

According to Clark, the

Dragons will be a welcome addition to the league as the team has sound management and coaching with previous experience in the league.

"There's no question the Dragons will provide a good rivalry with the Grizzlys and the two Calgary teams, the Canucks and Royals," Clark said, indicating the Dragons have received permission from the league to sign players.

"With the addition of another team in the league, graduating Midget players will have a better opportunity to play Junior A hockey," Clark said.

"My only concern is that the league doesn't become watered down," Clark added.

"But, I guess it is now a challenge for minor hockey associations in the area to produce more quality players," Clark added.

The Dragons have already signed twelve players and as a result the established teams are now looking at and signing players earlier.

Parity amongst the teams is something the league has been working on over the years and

this season the competitiveness of the teams has created an interest.

"Yes, I have been very surprised with the parity of the league this season," added Clark noting any team can defeat another team on any given night. Clark is impressed with the play of the Grande Prairie Storm, the Sherwood Park Crusaders, the Camrose Kodiaks and the Canmore Eagles.

"I think these teams are the strongest in the league and they should contest the league championship," noted Clark indicating the play-off run should be very interesting as the other teams are capable of an upset. Although some teams have made coaching changes in the past three years most of these have been made within the league as coaches have joined different teams.

"All of the coaches are very familiar with the league and this definitely increases the competition amongst the teams," Clark indicated.

Player development, on and off the ice, is the foremost challenge of team coaches and Clark believes the graduating league

players are better citizens ready to face another challenge in life.

"Player education is very important to the league and this season more players have signed scholarships to American universities and colleges," Clark noted.

"Also, a lot of the graduating players have elected to further their education in Canada and consequently more and more players are signing with Canadian universities and colleges," Clark added.

On the ice, Clark indicated the double over time rule introduced this season has created interest and there has been a conservative effort to keep the games moving at a faster pace.

Besides developing players, the league has produced several referees who have graduated to the Western Hockey League and some former referees have worked international games, and filled in with the NHL during a recent referee strike.

"George McCorey, our vice-president of officials does a very good job in assigning referees and he makes sure everyone has the opportunity to improve," noted Clark.

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Fax: (403) 335-8160. 39-2t

BUSY OILFIELD transportation company is currently taking applications for dispatch position. Truck pipeyard and computer knowledge required. Competitive package and year round work. Phone 403-362-4370 or fax resumes 403-362-5917. awna

VEGREVILLE ECONOMIC Development Board is accepting proposals for a contract full or part-time Manager - Economic Development. For further details call 780-632-2771 or email: vedb1@telusplanet.net. awna

MIDFIELD INDUSTRIAL requires certified heavy duty mechanics and parts manager in Brooks, Alberta. Fax resume 403-362-8045 or phone 403-362-8326. Attention: Ivan Mitchell. awna

INSTRUMENTATION. Journeyman and apprentices. An Alberta based oilfield E/I contractor is currently accepting applications for the following full-time long term maintenance positions. Relocation required: Slave Lake, Rainbow Lake, Coronation, Ft. McMurray. Phone 1-780-955-4460. Fax 780-955-4582. Email: ronm@pyramidcorporation.com. awna

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SENIORS. 25 year old company looking for commission sales people. Farm and/or business background definite asset. Territory Innisfail south. Call Bill Serediuk 403-947-2427. awna

JOIN OUR TEAM at the new Uplands Garden Market Store in Lethbridge, Alberta. We are seeking intelligent and assertive individuals who are willing to learn and perform the requirements of our customer focused, fresh concept programs in our new store. Positions available in all departments. Applicants must be committed to customer service, motivated and have excellent communication skills. Previous retail experience is an asset. Training will be provided. Interested applicants may forward their resumes to: Uplands Garden Market. Attention: Store Owner/Operator, Box #142, Lethbridge, AB, T1J 3Y3. awna

TRUCK DRIVERS with Class 1 or 3 licence with air endorsement. Need oilfield tickets. Wages subject to experience. Benefit package. Phone 780-333-2442. Fax resume 780-333-4909. awna

JOIN OUR TEAM! Meat and Produce Managers. If you are looking for an opportunity to advance your career, look no further! Freson IGA, an Alberta owned and operated company, offers Meat and Produce Managers excellent pay in the range of \$36,400 - \$41,600., performance bonuses, a comprehensive benefit package, training seminars and career opportunities across the province. Qualified applicants looking to join our team are encouraged to apply! Please direct all inquiries to: Dan Lovsin, Freson Market Ltd., 6449 Crowchild Trail S.W., Calgary, AB, T3E 5R7 or fax resume to 403-503-0631. awna

HI-WAY SERVICE INC., Alberta's largest Case IH agricultural and construction dealership with seven locations in Southern Alberta has openings for: Licensed heavy duty equipment technician - Lethbridge and Licensed agricultural equipment technician - Taber and Medicine Hat. Experience with Case equipment would be an asset, but not necessary. We are offering a full-time position with top wages and benefits. Ongoing factory training. The position is available immediately and a moving allowance will be considered. All inquiries will be kept in strict confidence. Apply to: Human Resources, fax 403-327-3545. Email: hr.dept@hiwayservice.com. awna

JOURNEYMAN WELDER. 10 years experience iron sales, shop fabrication, and hitches. Must work alone and manage small shop in rural Alberta. Mail to: Box 1647, Hanna, AB, T0J 1P0. awna

FEED TRUCK DRIVER for large feedlot. Duties also include feedmill and feed equipment maintenance. Knowledge of feed rations an asset. Good wages long term employment. Contact Cor Van Raay Farms at 403-738-4528 or fax resume to 403-738-4435, Iron Springs. awna

AUTOMOTIVE SALES MANAGER Davis Pontiac Buick GMC. Responsibilities include managing salespeople, sales and product training, team motivation, planning, executing and reporting. Reply to: John Davis, 115 W.I. Hill Blvd. S., Lethbridge, AB, T1J 4T6. awna

REQUIRED IMMEDIATELY Bottom Top Log Loader operators. Experience an asset. Contact Rick Penchuk at 780-523-5288 or fax 780-523-5910. awna

NEWSPAPER PRESSMAN REQUIRED - Goss Community Press. Salary \$14. - \$18/hour commensurate with experience. Maintenance, troubleshooting, organizational skills for high quality required. Wainwright Star Chronicle, Alberta. Email resume: barb@starchronicle.com. awna

SOUTHERN ALBERTA Community newspaper requires reporter/photographer. Journalism diploma necessary. Opportunity to work in daily newsroom. Contact Gail Ellison, 40-Mile Commentator, 403-545-6886 or email: g Ellison@my403.com. awna

TOWN OF BROOKS. Works and Utilities employment opportunity - Utility Operator. The Town of Brooks requires a full-time Utility Operator. This position is to operate and maintain the Town's water and sewer facilities. This position involves a rotating work schedule based on 80 hours biweekly. Qualifications should include: Level II Water Treatment, Level II Waste Water Distribution, Level I Waste Water Treatment, Level II Waste Water Collection; Alberta Grade 12 or equivalent. Preference will be given to applicants with water and sewer experience, however consideration will be given to applicants without experience or certification as on job training will be provided. The Town provides a wage and benefits package as per the current Union Collective Agreement. Please forward resume with cover letter to: Mr. Bill Prentice, Manager Works & Utilities, Box 880, Brooks, AB, T1R 0Z6. Fax 403-362-5658. Email: wprentice@town.brooks.ab.ca. This position will remain open until a suitable candidate is selected. We appreciate the interest of all applicants, however, only those individuals selected for interviews will be contacted. awna

EXPERIENCED CATTLE PERSON, Westlock area. Mixed farm/feedlot. Must have animal health training or pen checking experience. Cow/calf and horse knowledge is an asset. Fax resume: Jubilee Farms 780-349-5414. Email: jubfeed@telusplanet.net. awna

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FORD DEALERSHIP located in Drayton Valley, Alberta requires experienced parts person. Fax resume to 780-542-5795. awna

J.D. BARBER Equipment Ltd. an International trucks associate dealer requires partsperson/apprentice partsperson. Applicants should be bondable with experience in the trucking industry. Submit resumes and references: Attention: Jerry, 2107 - 17 Ave., Wainwright, AB, T9W 1L2. Fax 780-842-3665. Email: jdbarber@telusplanet.net. awna

AG/HDMECHANIC required for Southern Alberta dealership. Third or fourth year apprentice would be considered. Experience with New Holland and Flexcoil definite assets. Challenger New Holland Ltd., Box 850, Claresholm, AB, T0L 0T0. Fax 403-625-4556. awna

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VACUUM/TANK truck drivers with experience hauling to drilling rigs. Experience preferred but will train. Clean drivers abstract, minimum Class 3 w/air required. Fax resume 780-998-7747. awna

NOSSACK'S FINE MEATS in Red Deer has positions open for meat cutters and meat counter trainees. Call Ken at 403-346-5006 during business hours. awna

JOURNEYMAN AUTOMOTIVE technician or 3rd or 4th year apprentice required for growing GM dealership. Good benefits and working conditions. Apply to: Rick Oliver, Service Manager, Hunter Motors, Athabasca, 780-675-2917 or 1-800-272-5691. awna

EDITOR: Battlefords Publishing Ltd., North Battleford, Sask. has an immediate opening for an Editor in a progressive community newspaper office in North Battleford. The successful candidate will possess a degree in journalism with several years of senior reporting experience, preferably some as an Editor. Experience at managing deadlines and managing an editorial staff of 4 full-time plus part-time reporters desired. Broad computer knowledge a requirement. We are looking for an individual capable of assuming a leadership role in the community, as the "face" of the editorial side of our newspaper operations. We offer competitive compensation and benefits including a Health Plan. Please submit resumes and samples of work in confidence to: Mr. Lorne Cooper, Battlefords Publishing Ltd., 892 - 104 St., North Battleford, SK, S9A 1M9. Fax 306-445-3223 or 204-944-9783. Interviews can be arranged in Winnipeg, Saskatoon or North Battleford. awna

CLASSIFIEDS

17 FEED AND SEED

ROUND HAY BALES for sale, cheap. Free delivery. Self-unloading. Also small squares, \$5. Wanted: Dodge diesel truck. No Sunday calls please. 403-843-6380. awna

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18 FOR RENT

TWO BEDROOM apartment in 4plex in Didsbury. Available Feb. 1st. \$550/mo. includes most utilities D.D. \$300. 335-9168. 40-2t

DIDSBURY. AVAILABLE now. 2 bedroom home, huge yard, attached garage. New paint completed. \$630/mo. plus utilities, SD. Call Ed at Re/Max Mountain Aire 507-3520. 39-1t

3 BEDROOM CONDO, 2 baths, stove, fridge, washer/dryer supplied, very nice fenced yard, 2 car parking. Nice bright home. \$650 + \$650 damage deposit, utilities separate. Available Feb. 1/2003. Call Cindy Vanderwater ReMax West 932-4433. 40-3t

3 BEDROOM TOWNHOUSE, 1 1/2 baths, fenced yard. \$550 rent, \$300 damage plus utilities. 335-2347. 39-2t

HOUSE FOR rent in Didsbury. 4 bedroom, \$800 per mo. \$800 D.D. No pets. Lorraine 335-8685. 39-2t

2 BEDROOM HOUSE in Didsbury, no pets, no smoking. \$750/mo. + utilities. 335-8752. 39-2t

AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY in Didsbury. 2 bedroom 1,000 sq. ft., 1 yr old 4plex unit. \$650/mo. Call Heather at 337-0054. 39-2t

IN DIDSBURY, 2 bedroom apartment close to downtown. \$625/mo. includes utilities. \$625 D.D. No pets. Please call 337-2029. 40-3t

IN DIDSBURY, cozy 1 bedroom house close to downtown. Fenced back yard, single car garage. \$500/mo. plus utilities. \$500 D.D. 337-2029. 40-3t

IN CARSTAIRS, 2 bedroom mobile home on rented lot. \$500/mo. + util. \$500 D.D. 337-2029. 40-3t

IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY, new 2 bdrm duplex, fireplace, vaulted ceiling, oak cabinets and trim, attached garage. Call Joe @ 994-0279. 39-2t

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MODERN 3 BEDROOM home in Didsbury. Available for rent Dec. 1, 2002. N/S, N/P, \$850 per month, plus utilities. S/D \$850. Call 337-3428 or 948-5773. 40-8t

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Call 335-4762

19 FOR SALE

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70 POWERFUL Black and BWF cows. 2-8 years bred Black Angus and Black Simmental bulls, calving in February. Phone 403-579-2394 or 306-433-4445. awna

27 LOST & FOUND

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SAVE \$30K no GST. 1800 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, den, 2 baths, vaulted ceilings, eat up island, all appliances, loaded. Must be moved. \$95,900. 403-934-2133, Strathmore. awna

29 MISCELLANEOUS

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31 NOTICES

THIS NOTICE is posted to state that I, Trish Svensen of Boots & Saddles Stable, intend to sell, by public auction, the horses owned by Karl Stewart, known as Koko - a 13 year old grade bay mare, and Mischief - a 3 year old grade dunn mare. The owner of these horses is in arrears in the amount of approximately \$900.00 as of Dec. 16/02. 39-2t

33 PERSONALS

LADIES. I'm a S/W/M, 35 yr old home owner in Didsbury looking to meet single women in the area. Sound interesting? Box 834 TOM OW0. 40-2t

DIVORCE SURVIVAL STRATEGIES. Before spending large sums on legal fees, call The Family Law Centre to understand your rights and obligations. Our lawyers will present you with your options to help reduce your legal fees, safeguard your assets and defend your child custody and access rights. Don't be a victim! "Separate smart". Toll free 1-866-879-3529. awna

35 REAL ESTATE

1287 SQ. FT. 3 bedroom bungalow nestled in quiet cul-de-sac. Close to downtown & schools. Upgraded carpet & lino, jacuzzi tub, fireplace. Fully developed basement with 1 bedroom, full bath, and airtight woodburning stove in family room. 24 X 24 detached garage, great backyard & garden space. For appointment to view phone 335-4001 or 335-3125. 43-5t

HOUSE FOR sale by owner, 2134 - 24 Ave. 1,125 sq. ft., 3 + 1 bedrms, hardwood, frig/stove, woodstove, det. garage, mature landscape, excellent location. Call to view 335-3788. No agents please. 40-2t

FOR SALE by owner in Westfork Estates. Beautiful 3 bedroom home with lots of windows, very open floor plan, in-floor heating, wood burning stove, large double attached garage plus single detached garage. Excellent location with lots of privacy. For more information or to view, please call 651-4954 or 335-8602. No realtors please. 42-5t

TROCHU: PERFECT starter home, clean 1 bdrm house on full lot. Needs work on outside. Cheaper than rent. \$37,900 by owner. 403-932-7382. 39-2t

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38 RENTALS WANTED

WANTED TO rent. Mature, single male seeks long term rental for 2 bedroom house in Didsbury by April 1. References. William at 556-1419. 41-4t

39 SERVICES

NEED HOUSECLEANING & general cleaning? Please contact 335-3248. References available. 39-1t

"SPRING CLEANING" or housekeeping? Call Sue! 335-4824. 41-4t

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The Program

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND EVENTS



DIDSBURY

Meeting

Didsbury Main Street Revitalization Association Annual General Meeting on Jan. 28 at 12:00 noon in the Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce Office. Call Judith at 335-8428 for more info.

Library

Computers for Beginners. Free basic computer courses will be held at the Didsbury Library Feb. 3rd at 7:00 p.m. and the 4th at 5:00 p.m. Please register at the Library.

Breakfast

Mountainview Christian Women's Club Breakfast on Feb. 11 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the Redeemer Lutheran Church. Topic - A Love Story. For reservations call Deb 337-2487 or Margie 335-3765.

DIDSBURY

Concert

Linea Good and Good Company in Concert! Sunday, Jan. 26 at 7 p.m. at Knox United Church in Didsbury. Tickets are \$10 adults, \$6 ages 6-17, \$26 families, ages five and under free. Reception to follow. For more info call 335-8373.

Meeting

Attention Horse Owners. Informational session on "West Nile Disease" on Jan. 28 at 7:00 p.m. At the Didsbury High School. Everyone Welcome!!!

Roast Beef Dinner

Sponsored by St. Anthony's Choral Group. Sat. Jan. 25/03 at 6:00 p.m. Proceeds to Didsbury 5-0 Club. Tickets presold. \$10 admission. 335-8065.

WESTCOTT

Theatre Night

Westcott Community Hall on Feb. 15. Doors open at 7:00, play starts at 8:00. Midnight Lunch. \$15 each. For tickets call Stuart 335-4069 or Don 337-2049.

MIDWAY

Scrapbooking

Midway Creative Crafters Scrapbookers night on Jan. 30/03 from 7-9 p.m. Everyone welcome. Minimal fee. Phone for supply list. 337-2888.

ONGOING EVENTS

CARSTAIRS

RECYCLING DEPOT

Carstairs Lion's Recycling Depot is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

CARSTAIRS TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly at the Church of God on Monday nights 7-8 p.m. For further information call Jean 637-3753, Shelly 337-3082 or Kim 946-4997.

DIDSBURY

COMMUNITY CRISIS SOCIETY

Are you experiencing family violence? Please call the Crisis Shelter at 1-877-934-6634.

CHAMPS

"NEW" Canadian Weight Awareness - CHAMPS Clubs Inc. is a Non-Profit Weight Loss Support Organization which meets weekly. We are open to Men and Ladies whom share a common concern of managing their weight. For more info about CHAMPS CLUB INC. call today. 1-866-444-7682

DIDSBURY MUSEUM

New Winter hours: Saturday: 1-5 p.m., special occasions & anytime by appointment. Please call Marg Weaver at 335-4245, Dale Weiss at 335-4726 or Willard Stauffer at 335-3715.

SPECIAL FAMILY RESOURCE ASSOCIATION
Support for families/caregivers of special needs children. Only meeting held in Dec. will be Wed. Dec. 4th in the Didsbury Hospital in the Educational Conference Room at 7 p.m. For more information contact Cindy at 335-4123.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
General Meeting: Fourth Thursday of each month, 6:00 p.m. supper, 7 p.m. meeting 335-3265. RSVP

DIDSBURY TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Stacey at 335-4487 or Joanne at 337-2614.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD
Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board meets once every two months at the Town Office. For info call Deborah at the Town Office at 335-8343.

BEAVER'S

Beaver's Monday 7-8 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

HALL WALKING

Adult hall walking at Westglen from 6:45 a.m. Monday to Thursday. Keep fit this winter.

DIDSBURY

TOY LIBRARY

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury Toy Library: Open Tuesdays 10-11:30 a.m. at the Anglican Church Hall basement 2037 - 24 Ave. New members always welcome. Kerri at 335-9928.

AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 20 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Wendy at 335-3877 or Rick at 335-9525.

TIME OUT

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury's Mom's Time Out and Dads Too program. At Anglican Church Hall, Mondays 10-11:30 a.m. Nominal babysitting fee. Call 335-2388 for more information.

KING HIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Hans Lucas at 337-2250.

O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Kay Johnston at 335-4060.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Gamblers Anonymous (G.A.) starting Monday, January 22 from 7-9 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Hospital Unit 4. For more information please call 335-8208.

SONS OF NORWAY

Sons of Norway meets the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

CASH BINGO

Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular Bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall.

DIDSBURY PRESCHOOL

The Didsbury Preschool Society is currently accepting on-going registrations for children 3 to 5 years old to our preschool program. For more information or to register your child please call Cherrie 335-8818 or 335-8039.

DIDSBURY-DIAL-A-BUS

Scheduled transportation for anyone on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9-3. Please call day prior or by 8:00 a.m. for pick up. 507-0208. Wheelchair accessible. Sponsored by the Didsbury Lions Club.

DIDSBURY

INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month 10 a.m. Olds Scout Hall. Phone 337-3617 or 556-3807 for information.

AL-ANON

Al-Anon: for persons affected by someone else's drinking. Fri. 8 p.m. For more information call 337-2549, or 337-3762.

BRIDGE CLUB

Mountain View Bridge Club meets every Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. at the Masonic Star Hall, 2037-21 Avenue, Didsbury. All bridge players welcome! For more info: 335-8375 or 638-2757.

HOME HELP ASSOCIATION

The Didsbury & District Senior Support Services co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 335-4391.

LEARNING DISABILITIES

Learning Disabilities of Alberta, Mtn. View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. For info call Susan at 335-3174.

OLDS

MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540.

SUNDRE

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Wednesdays, 8-9 p.m. in the basement of the Anglican Church. Ron 638-2736.

ALA TEEN

Ala Teen, Sundre United Church Basement, Wednesday 7:00 p.m. More info 638-3277.

AL-ANON

Al-Anon, Wednesdays. For more information call 638-3277 or 335-9787.

DRUMHELLER

SUPPORT GROUP

The Compassionate Friends is a self help supportive group offering friendship and understanding to parents who have experienced the death of a child. Meetings are held the last Thurs. of each month (except Dec.) at 7:30 p.m. in Conference Room #3 of the Drumheller Hospital. For more info call Shirley 823-3001 or Linda 823-4565.

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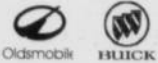
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